GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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PROBE ON ILLEGAL INDIANS
GADDE RAMAMOHAN

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item regarding probe on illegal Indians as reported in the Pioneer dated November 10, 2002;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) Yes.

(b) The lure of high income in western countries has attracted some Indian citizens to seek migration to these countries through illegal means.

(c) The Governments of a number of countries have taken up this matter with our diplomatic missions abroad. Wheneverinstances of illegal immigration rackets come to the notice of Indian Missions/Posts abroad or, Ministry of External Affairs, the matter is immediately reported to the concerned state governments for investigation.